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SUBJ: TEXT OF GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ANNOUNCING MARTIAL LAW

1. AT 6:00 A.M. THIS MORNING, SEPTEMBER 8, THE GOVERNMENT
ANNOUNCED THE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW AND A DUSK TO DAWN
CURFEW IN TEHRAN AND 11 OTHER CITIES FOR SIX MONTHS. CURFEW
HOURS IN TEHRAN ARE FROM 9:00 P.M. TO 5:00 A.M. THE TEXT

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OF THE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT, AS READ OVER THE INTER-
NATIONAL RADIO STATION NEWS, IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: A
GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT DATED THE 15TH OF SHAHRIVAR, OR
6TH OF SEPTEMBER, PROHIBITS GATHERINGS ON PUBLIC STREETS.
DISREGARDING RELIGIOUS LEADERS' DIRECTIONS TO KEEP PEACE
AND NOT CREATE DISTURBANCES, PROTESTORS DEMONSTRATED
AND DISPLAYED PLACARDS AND SLOGANS AGAINST THE IRANIAN

CONSTITUTION YESTER. BY DOING SO, THEY DISRUPTED THE ACTIVITIES OF EVERDAY LIFE AND FRIGHTENED THE PEOPLE. EVEN THOUGH IT WAS VERY EASY FOR THE ARMED FORCES TO ENFORCE THE LAW, THE ANTI-STATE DEMONSTRATION WAS PERMITTED AND TOLERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO AVOID BLOODSHED. THE PLOT, WHICH IS FINANCED AND MASTERMINED BY OUTSIDE FORCES, IS INCREASING IN DIMENSION EVERY DAY, IS ENDANGERING EVERY INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHTS, IS AGAINST THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THIS NATION, AND IS AIMED AT DISRUPTING IRAN'S PROGRESS AND GOVERNMENT. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HEREBY DECLARES MARTIAL LAW FOR SIX MONTHS IN TEHRAN, KARAJ, GHAZVIN, QOM, MESHAD, TABRIZ, AHWAZ, ABADAN, ISFAHAN, SHIRAZ, KAZEROON AND JAHRUM. END QUOTE.

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